Feminists aim to end women’s oppression. But what does that mean, exactly? What are women? Is gender a natural, biological category? Is it socially constructed? How does gender intersect with other social categories, like race, class, sexuality, and ability? What does it mean to be oppressed, and how can we meaningfully resist oppression? Do you have to identify as a woman to be a feminist? How can those who don’t identify as women work as effective allies or accomplices to feminist movements? In this class, we will consider these questions and the specific contributions philosophers have made to answering them.

Pre-requisites: 3 units of philosophy OR upper-division standing